

REMARKS

In the official action, the Examiner allows claims 6-9 and requires that claims 10-12 and 16-18 be canceled in response to the Examiner's prior election/restriction requirement.

The Applicant has previously requested the Examiner to reconsider the election/restriction requirement previously made that the Examiner has now made final.

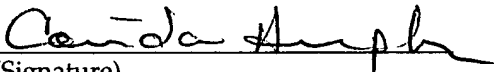
In order to prompt this application to go to allowance, the claims that the Examiner has restricted out have been canceled, without prejudice. The Applicant reserves the right to file protection for the non-elected claims in one or more divisional patent applications to be filed in due course.

In the meantime, it is believed that with the entry of this amendment, this application should now be in condition for formal allowance.

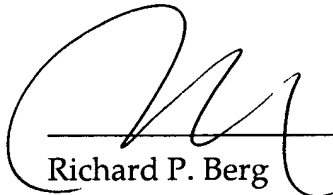
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